

**City of Austin, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
Update on the East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy
for the African American Resource Advisory Commission and
the Urban Renewal Board of the City of Austin**

October 2011

Background regarding the East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy:

The City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department is initiating a process to assist the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan area move toward the long-desired development and revitalization. In support of this, the City of Austin, through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, has contracted with a consulting team led by Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) to prepare an East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy. Darin Smith, Principal with EPS will be the lead consultant for EPS. Subconsultants to EPS include McCann Adams Studio, Planning Subconsultant; Adisa Communications, Community Engagement; Urban Design Group, Civil Engineering Support.

Project Goals:

- ❑ Help East 11th & 12th Streets better participate in region's economic strength and growth
- ❑ Foster community consensus around shared values/vision
- ❑ Reduce impediments to market-supported development
- ❑ Direct public resources toward most effective investments

Project Status (Updated):

November

- November 15, 2011- East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy meeting was held at Kealing Middle School Cafeteria (1607 Pennsylvania) from 6-8. Meeting begins at 6pm with an open house with the presentation beginning at 6:30 pm.

Tentative Schedule (Updated):

December

- Release draft strategies in mid-December
- To be posted on Speak Up Austin (speakupaustin.org)
- Present draft strategies publicly on January 9, 2012
 - Open house/presentation coordinated with URB meeting

January

- Present final strategies to City Council in late January, reflecting refinements based on earlier feedback

Project Information

Information regarding the East 11th and 12th Street Development Strategy will be distributed to the public regarding all upcoming stakeholder meetings as well as posted to the City's commercial revitalization Web page: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/ahfc/comm_revital.htm.

Please register for NHCD's E-Newsletter at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/news/notes/index.cfm> to receive notices via email regarding upcoming meetings as well as other news and events related to NHCD.